

women infected with HIV or AIDS and their children. Her program also provides housing for homeless pregnant teens and those with children. In addition, Ms. Mastin also developed a pregnancy prevention program that embraces cultural traditions and encourages creation of family support networks. Since its founding in 1991, the program has served more than 5,700 people in the Metropolitan Chicago region.

Presently, Ms. Mastin sits on the Illinois State Advisory Committee on Child Abuse and Prevention. On this committee she continues her service to the community by effectively advocating on behalf of much-needed housing programs and supportive services, as well as family reunification programs for homeless minors.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Gwendolyn Mastin for her tremendous contribution to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA BOSCH

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 2004

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, America's future is contingent upon the leadership, vision, and commitment of teachers, and a life dedicated to the education of our children is one that should be both acknowledged and praised. Thus, I would like to recognize Ms. Barbara Bosch, an educator in the East Rutherford school district in New Jersey and a member of the New Jersey Education Association, who will be retiring this June after 41 years of teaching.

Ms. Bosch's devotion, creativity, and resourcefulness as an educator helped her to meet the diverse needs of her students in the continually evolving field of education over the past several decades. Her dedication to her students was displayed in part by the many hours spent with them both inside and outside the classroom. Ms. Bosch's dedication and strong character allowed her to fulfill her professional responsibilities at the highest level, and serve as a role model for her students and colleagues. Such achievements in the field of education were so admired and respected by her colleagues, that the East Rutherford Educational Community has proclaimed June 2004 as "Barbara Bosch Month."

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Barbara Bosch as a person who served our Nation as a distinguished educator of our children for 41 years. We are all deeply indebted to Ms. Bosch and teachers like her for their service to our Nation's schoolchildren. Along with all those students, parents, and other educators in East Rutherford who have come to know Ms. Bosch, I wish Ms. Bosch much happiness in her well-deserved retirement.

PORT OF ENTRY NEEDS

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 2004

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, aviation security is a top national security priority. This

critical sector of interstate commerce must continue for our entire national economy to function.

As the representative of one of our Nation's largest hub airports, Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas, I can say that the ability of commercial aviation to function properly is at risk due to the inconsistent performance of security functions by the federal government.

First, I have been pushing for increased Bureau of Customs and Immigration Enforcement personnel coverage for Houston Intercontinental for several years now.

The situation has been improving unevenly, with wait times still reaching 90 minutes during peak times of the year. Why is the wait so bad? Because we only have 59 out of 86 authorized inspectors for Houston, according to the last workforce report.

That in itself is unacceptable, but with a new international terminal set to open in January 2005, we must make sure that the federal government is living up to its responsibility to safely and securely process incoming passengers.

This new facility is going to require a doubling of our international arrival screening capacity, and we will have to resort to legislation if the Bureau cannot do its job properly.

In addition, with Transportation Security Agency cutbacks forced by our budget deficits, Houston Intercontinental is at serious risk of losing its ability to properly process passengers boarding commercial airline flights.

This is not a mere matter of inconvenience to air travelers. These delays have a serious economic impact on the aviation industry which has to extend the times planes sit on the ground, reducing operating margins.

As numerous press and financial reports demonstrate, aviation operating margins are already under a tremendous amount of stress from \$40 per barrel oil, international turmoil, and continuing glut of capacity resulting from post-September 11th aviation bankruptcies.

Put simply, hundreds, perhaps thousands of employees are at risk of being laid off, furloughed, or facing salary and benefit freezes and cuts if the federal government does not properly perform its responsibility to provide security for interstate commerce.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with you ensure smooth operation of the Bureau of Customs and Immigration Enforcement at Houston Intercontinental.

RECOGNIZING GARY LEE DICK FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA AT THE TIME OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 2004

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gary Lee Dick, who is retiring as Police Captain of Clearlake, California. Gary's outstanding contributions and dedication to our community are truly appreciated.

Gary began his career in law enforcement in Calistoga, California in September 1975. He then went on to work in the Petaluma Police

Department until 1981, before moving to the Clearlake Police Department.

Gary not only has an AA degree but also has graduated from the FBI National Academy and has earned several professional certificates. He spent 4 years serving our country as a member of the U.S. Army. Gary and his wife Patty are blessed with three daughters and two sons.

Gary has made many contributions to the community outside his official duties in the police department. He served as President of the Rotary Club of Clearlake between 1999–2000. He also served as Chair and Co-chair of many projects that were completed by the Rotary Club of Clearlake. As a volunteer coach for little league baseball teams, Gary has been able to share his love of baseball with countless others. In his retirement he hopes to visit every major league baseball stadium.

Mr. Speaker, Gary Lee Dick is the standard of dependability, bravery and hard work in our community. His commitment to our community has been shown time and time again. For these reasons and countless others, it is most appropriate that we honor him at the time of his retirement today.

INTRODUCTION FOR A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE EASTERN NEW MEXICO RURAL WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE EASTERN NEW MEXICO RURAL WATER SYSTEM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 18, 2004

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, today I am very pleased to introduce a bill that will authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to help communities in eastern New Mexico develop the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water System (ENMRWS). A companion to this bill, S. 2513, was introduced in the Senate by my colleague Senator BINGAMAN on June 9, 2004. There has long been a recognized need for a reliable and safe supply of potable water for this region. After years of drought and ever increasing population growth, this water supply project is now absolutely critical for the continued economic well-being of Curry, Roosevelt and Quay counties in eastern New Mexico.

The Entrada and the Southern High Plains, or Ogallala, Aquifers currently provide 100 percent of the municipal and industrial water supplies and the vast majority of agricultural water for communities in these east central New Mexico counties. However, both the quantity and quality of these groundwater reserves have declined severely in recent decades. Despite voluntary conservation efforts and improvements in agricultural water-use efficiencies, these groundwater supplies will not sustain current use levels in as little as 12 years and may be functionally depleted within 25 years.

The water supply project that would be authorized by this legislation builds upon more than 40 years of research, planning, and design. In 1959, after recognizing the water supply problems in eastern New Mexico, the New